

(Enclosure in diary)

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1. *Artillery.*

Hostile artillery has shown considerable activity at times throughout the last 24 hours (to 3 p.m.), though shelling has never been intense.

Intermittent attention was paid during the afternoon and evening to the neighborhood of Vlamertinghe Chateau, Siege Junction and Hospital Farm, while at 3:30 a.m. a light barrage was put down on the front system of our Right Division between Zillebeke Lake and Kruisstraathoeck; this shelling was of the same nature as that which took place in this sector on the mornings of the 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Between 10 a.m. and noon today persistent shelling was reported around Salvation Corner and Ypres Station and there was also some activity in the neighborhood of Bard Cot and the Vlamertinghe-Goldfish Chateau Road.

We drove on two sides of Vlamertinghe Chateau, which is another place that the Germans like to shell.

Our next stop was at Canadian Siding, where a location was picked out for a forward dump. We passed a few soldiers repairing the plank road, and could see a few others at entrance to shelters, but the general idea one would get would be that the country was pretty well deserted and yet there are hundreds of men scattered around in dugouts and other shelters, sleeping and resting and getting ready for their night's work. Practically all the work up this far toward the front is night work, although it is inspected during the day, provided the shelling is not too bad.

From Canadian Siding we drove on the plank road to its intersection with the Brielen Road. We left the machine here and walked up this latter road to the railroad and then down the railroad toward Ypres to where it crosses the Brielen system of trenches, and located another forward dump. From here we returned to the auto, and then drove to Machine Gun Camp where another of the Royal Engineer companies of the 49th Division is located. One of our platoons has been staying at this camp, and doing night work on the front trenches east of Ypres. I had expected to get up into Ypres itself today and spend the night at Dead End with another Royal Engineer company, but other things prevented. I had to return to camp to get troops ready for manœuvres with 120th Regiment on Saturday. I examined the camp thoroughly, the place the men live in, and the means for cooking, washing, etc. All are dug in and provided with shelters against 5.9 shells. Protected against